

To the Right Honourable
Sir ROBERT CLEYTON Kt.
Lord Mayor of the City of *London*.

May it please your Lordship,

WE the Commons of this City, now in Common-Hall assembled, cannot but take notice, how our last meeting here on this occasion, hath by some of this City bin misrepresented to his Majesty, as Tumultuous and Disorderly ; and though we did not observe any thing of that kind, but what may happen in such great Assemblies on like occasion, yet not knowing how far the indiscretion of the Informers may have carried that Scandal in prejudice of us, We hold our selves bound in duty to declare, (as hereby we do) That the Heat which then appeared amongst us, was no other, than the effect of Emulation for his Majesty's Service, and the Preservation of our own just Rights. And therefore as we do utterly detest any thought of violating our Allegiance to our Sovereign, or of doing the least thing that may bear the interpretation of an Affront to his Government, or disaffection to his Royal Person ; We pray your Lordship to represent us as such to the King, that He may not be longer deceived in that Matter ; nor His gracious Intentions towards us be in any sort diverted. And withal, humbly to assure his Majesty, that we will, with one Heart, and one Hand, (to the utmost peril of all that is dear to us) join in the defence of his Royal Person, and the Protestant Religion, against all Attempts and Plots to the contrary, though never so often repeated upon us.

And being deeply sensible it hath bin the Design of the Popish Party for many Years, and still is, to destroy both Him and It : And that there is (under God) no way so effectual to prevent those their Cruel and Bloody Purposes, as by his Majesty's Authority in Parliament.

We therefore further pray your Lordship humbly to beseech his Majesty, in our Names, That for the Preservation of his Royal Person and Government, and Protestant Religion, to Us and our Posterity, That he would graciously please to order, That his Parliament (his Great Council) may Assemble and Sit, that so the most speedy and effectual Course may be taken to search into, and prevent those grievous Cruelties, Desolations, and Destructions which the Counsels of Rome have determined, and are still endeavouring to execute on this Kingdom ; and as by that means we have hopes we shall be secured against all our Fears, so shall we have cause to thank your Lordship for thus representing Us to his Majesty, and humbly to pray for His long Life and happy Reign over Us, as becomes us, who profess our selves to be His most Obedient, Loyal, and Dutiful Subjects.